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### **Agent Takes Down Suspect Involved in High Speed Pursuit**

**CHULA VISTA, Calif.** – Thanks to the determination of a San Diego Sector Border Patrol Agent the driver of a vehicle who led law enforcement authorities on a two-hour long, high-speed pursuit, was arrested and taken into custody. The agent involved in the incident became an instant celebrity when it was discovered that a helicopter news crew had filmed and broadcast the entire incident.

The pursuit, which began in Fontana, California, led authorities on a chase that ranged in speeds from 60 mph to 110 mph. Several attempts by authorities to deflate the tires were unsuccessful and as the vehicle neared the International Border, they feared the suspects would escape into Mexico.

The vehicle finally came to stop a short distance from the border and the passenger, who remained in the car, was taken into custody without incident. However, the driver exited the vehicle and began running toward Mexico.

The agent, the only obstacle in the suspect's path, tackled him and wrestled him to the ground just a few feet from the International Border. The burly suspect made several attempts to escape, but soon found himself face down on the ground in a mud puddle. The agent held him there until fellow officers responded and provided her with assistance.

The female agent, a seven-year veteran of the agency, seemed to be enjoying the extra attention, but also seemed somewhat surprised. "I was just doing my job and that's the extent of it," stated the agent.

Border Patrol Officials, thankful the agent wasn't injured in the melee, praised her for her determination and professionalism in handling the situation.

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